

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 11, at line 9 as shown below:

Example 1:

A polyvinyl alcohol-stabilized dispersion of a copolymer of vinyl acetate, vinyl versatate (Veova10) and ethylene having a glass transition temperature of 5°C is admixed with 10 parts (solid/solid) of a polyvinyl alcohol having a degree of hydrolysis of 88 mol% and a Höppler viscosity of 4 mPas and adjusted to a solids content of 35%. N-Octylisothiazolinone (in the form of ~~Acticide~~ACTICIDE® OTW N-Octylisothiazolinone, a trademark of Thor Americas, Inc.) is added to this dispersion in an amount corresponding to an active compound content of 750 ppm based on powder and the dispersion is spray dried.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 12, at line 8, as shown below:

Table 1:

70.0	parts by weight	Dyckerhoff white cement
456.3	parts by weight	chalk (calcite 500)
282.5	parts by weight	chalk (calcite 0.5-1.0)
67.5	parts by weight	slagged lime
70.0	parts by weight	chalk ([[Omya]] <u>OMYA</u> ¹ BL)
14.5	parts by weight	titanium dioxide (Kronis 2959)
4.4	parts by weight	<u>cellulose</u> fiber ([[Arbocel]] <u>ARBOCEL</u> ² BC 1000)
1.7	parts by weight	mineral thickener (Lanco Thix P12)
1.6	parts by weight	methylcellulose ([[Tyolose]] <u>TYOLOSE</u> ³ MH 10001 P4)
30.0	parts by weight	dispersion powder
25.0	parts by weight	water per 100 parts by weight of dry mix

Please add the paragraph (section) beginning on page 12, at line 10, as shown below:

¹OMYA® is a trademark of Omya Ag, Switzerland, for concrete additives

²ARBOCEL® is a trademark of Henkel KG for cellulose fibers

³TYLOSE® is a trademark of SE Tylose GmbH & Co., KG for cellulose derivatives

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 12, at line 11, as shown below:

Comparative Example 4:

The biocide-free powder from Comparative Example 3 was used in the formulation and 225 ppm of N-octylisothiazolinone (~~Acticide~~ ACTICIDE OTW) was added to the render formulation via the make-up water.